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US Serial No. 08/956,277  
Applicant's docket No. Andru12C2

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re of the Application of •  
Peter J. Andrulis, Jr. et al •  
Serial Number: 08/956,277 •  
Filed: October 23, 1997 •  
For: Use of Tumor Necrosis  
Factor Inhibitors together with  
antiviral Agents and therapeutic  
Compositions thereof against  
HIV •

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**ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.143**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 5, 1998, and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.143, Applicant provisionally elects with traverse the composition directed to the combination of a TNF inhibitor with a gene inhibitor. For purposes of examination applicant elects thalidomide as the TNF inhibitor and as the gene inhibitor the compound RO-24-7429 which inhibits the tat gene ( see page 9 ) whose structure is depicted below: